Industries* Boards, registered institutions etc. which are implementing the Khadi and Village industries Programmes, The regular employees of the KVIC including men and women receive their monthly salaries as per the pay scales prescribed by the Commission from time to. time. Therefore, there is no question of women employed directly by the KVIC not getting guaranteed minimum wages. If the intention of the question is to elicit information about the remuneration paid to the women workers engaged in the Khadi & Village Industries, it may be stated that employment in Khadi & Village Industries sector as a whole insofar as the production activities are concerned is mostly self-employment. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission has prescribed a system of payment of wages on a piece rate basis for adoption by the Khadi Institutions and departmental units producing khadi. For this purpose, the Commission has evolved a detailed cost chart for estimating the quantum of remuneration for each type of activity taking into account the cost of inputs, the quality of the product, count of yarn, design and even the type of equipment used by the artisans. This cost chart is being reviewed from time to time. The wage structure is uniform for men and women and there is no discrimination.

In the case of village industries, women employment is significant in a few industries such as processing of cereals and pulses including papad making, cottage match, palm gur, collection of non-edible oil seeds, village pottery, fibre, collection of forest and medicinal plants, gums and resins, bamboo and cane works, agarbati making etc. The remuneration paid by the village industries institutions which are mostly in the cooperative sector is not uniform because of the heterogenity of the- village industries products and differences in technologies adopted by them.

Environmental effects of the Toxic Gas in Bhopal

*129. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether scientific studies are being carried out on the long term environmental effects of the toxic gas that leaked from the Union Carbide Plant in Bhopal;

(b) if so. what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto and what steps are being taken to minimise the effects of the toxic gas ?

TME MINISTER OF STATE IN THB DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Scientific Commission has been set up for making studies on the effects of Bhopal Gas Leakage on Life Systems. The work of the Commission is continuing.

Alleged bunglings in CCL

* 1 30. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about bunglings in CCL worth crores of rupees, as reported in the Aryavart (a Hindi daily of Patna) of the 6th September, 1987;

(b) whether these bunglings pertain to I. away and other mines; and

(c) what are the details of the bunglings and who arc the persons involved in it and what steps are being taken in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Aryavarta of the 6th September, 1987. The alleged bunglings pertain to Lapanga and Central Saunda Collieries of CCL.

(c) CBI has taken up two cases for investigation against 5 officials of the CCL